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# Alumni Columns

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NORTHWESTERN STATE COLLEGE

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# WELCOME HOME, ALUMNI

### Gibson Resigns; To Take Position at Tulane

President Joseph E. Gibson tendered his resignation as President of Northwestern State College to the State Board of Education the latter part of April. His resignation was accepted by the Board at their meeting on May 2.

In his letter of resignation, President Gibson stated that he was resigning to accept an important position at Tulane University as director of promotional activities. a position that will permit him to render a great professional service to education. He served at Tulane as Professor of Education from 1936 to 1941. He then became Director of Higher Education for the State Board of Education until 1946, when he returned to Tulane as director of the summer term. He was named President of N. S. C. and entered upon the duties of that office on July 1, 1947.

Mr. Gibson was well known in educational circles before coming o Louisiana. He was superintenlent of schools at McComb, Miss.. md president of Mississippi Education Association.

During his administration at he College, he has initiated a ouilding program that includes new Business Administration building, a Home Economics building, a new dairy, the recontruction of Old Social into a new eligious center, and a complete enovation and additions to the lining hall. A Science building is ilso being planned for the near uture with construction of one ving to begin next school year.

Mr. Gibson expressed his gratiude to the faculty and staff, tudents of the College, the alumni nd the people of Louisiana for heir fine cooperation during his dministration at the College.

Students, faculty and staff, and lumni regret that Mr. Gibson is esigning his position and wish to xtend him every good wish for uccess and happiness in his new osition.



The neon-lighted "N" stands silhouetted against the sky at twilight to bid welcome to all former students and graduates to the campus on any and all occasions, but it has a special brightness on Home-coming Day as a special welcome to our returning graduates and former students.

#### Commencement Week Exercises

SATURDAY, MAY 21 HOMECOMING DAY

Registration and Coffee-Varuado Hall...9:00 A. M. to 11:00 A. M. Senior Class Program—Fine Arts Auditorium......11:00 A. M. Alumni Luncheon—Private Dining Room—

Open House for Fraternities, Sororities, and

Baccalaureate Sermon—Fine Arts Auditorium.......11:00 A.M. Receptiou—Varnado Hall............3:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M. MONDAY, MAY 23

Graduation Exercises—Fine Arts Auditorium.........10:30 A. M. of the Registrar.

#### Summer Term Begins June 13

Registration for the regular nine weeks summer session will be on Monday, June 13. Class work will begin ou June 14 and the session closes ou Aug. 12. During the summer session a student will be permitted to earn a maximum of ten semester hours of

Room reservations in college residence halls should be made with the Office of Student Personnel as soon as possible. Out-oftown women students are expected to live in College residence halls or at approved homes in town. Residence arrangements must be approved by the Dean of Women in the case of women students.

The Department of Health and Physical Education will sponsor a weekly recreation night as well as canoe trips on Cane River Lake. Picnics and other types of entertainment for student groups will be scheduled from time to time during the session, A full program of intra-mural activities is planned.

The National Aquatic School, sponsored by the American Red Cross, will be held from May 29 to June 8. Interested men and women should contact Mr. Guy W. Nesom at the College.

Student teaching will be offered in both the elementary and high school departments. Prospective student teachers should apply to Dr. John B. Robson. Dean of the School of Education.

An observation seminar course in education will be open to both elementary and high school teachers. Conferences, lectures, and guided observation will be in-cluded in the course. Students may enroll in this course for six weeks with credit of four semester hours, or for nine weeks with credit of six semester hours.

Regular courses will be offered dents from beginning freshmen to seniors. Additional information may be obtained from the Office

#### Picture of A Bright Spirit

By Mamie Bowman

There is a thrill in being associated with a bright spirit, literally or vicariously. I did not know Mrs. Julia Cooksey personally, but surely hers was a bright spirit if I may judge from her photograph, the testimonials of her friends and her niece, newspaper clippings concerning her, the records of her unselfish and competent service as a teacher for twenty years, as demonstration agent in Webster Parish for twenty-three years, and as a public-spirited citizen for thirteen years after her retirement in 1934. But more especially is her vivacious spirit reflected in her diary, most of which I have had the privilege of reading through the courtesy of her niece, Beth Davis.

Mrs. Cooksey was born Julia Baugh at Eureka, Louisiana, on September 22, 1870. She died August 25, 1947, at Minden. Her diary, or the portion I have seen, begins during her high school days in Homer, January, 1895. She was Julia Webb at the time, widowed by a Negro's shooting her husband-he had been deputized to arrest the Negro. She had lost her little boy, Willie, several years before leaving the "country" for "town life" in Homer. Her comments on teachers, lazy classmates, school routine, and beaus are bright, clever, and often in the vernacular which includes much slang that we are prone to think more recent than the gay nineties. One incident in this period is of particular interest here, for I believe it was then she dedicated her life to useful service:

"... I went over to Cousin Nettie's. On my way 1 met Maggie S. and Maud K. out walking. As I was well acquainted with Maggie, I addressed her by the familiar greeting of Hello, Maggie.' She very blandly informed me that she did not know who I was. 'Really,' says I. 'I believe I am mistaken too,' and was passing on without introducing myself when suddenly it popped into her mind that that was Miss Julia.

"Oh, Ye Gods. How things like that make my blood boil. Docs having been bred and born in the country make me inferior to such as they? As I see it the honors are with the country, and I am proud to acknowledge that I am from the country. I intend to devote the rest of my life and work to the country. I have what it takes, and I shall find a way to help. Perhaps, as a class, we are MRS. JULIA COOKSEY



(One was born in or near the city (?) of Lisbon, a city (?) of perhaps fifty people. Can't say where the other one came from, give me wisdom, and see that I never become a snob.

And she never was a snob.

Probably to the readers of this article, the vivid pictures Mrs. Cooksey paints of her trip to Natchitoches and her time at Normal will be of most interest.

my Journal. . . . Having decided to attend school again am now at Natchitoches State Normal School, Left Athens on Thursday of the last week in October, 1895. Having never been very far from home it has been quite an experience to me. Stopped over in Athens to visit Mrs. Webb. . . . Took the L. & N. W. to Gibsland then the V. S. & P. to Shreveport. Met a lovely old lady, a Mrs. know if I had ever been away from home before and offered to Shreveport without having to pay a tallyho fare. . . . When we got

lofty heights of such sophisticates, polds himself answered and walked with me the short distance. I had heard Pa speak of Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Tullos both, as he knew them personally. Mrs. Webb's possibly from Arkansas.) Lord. thoughtfulness save(d) me money and maybe left a thought in my head to save when I could. My, inv, there's so much for a country kid to learn. I just hope that good lady couldn't see just how I was quaking. Got a room at the Im and left orders to be called at 5:00 o'clock as I must catch an early "Several months have passed train in the morning. It was nearly since I have written anything in impossible to get off to sleep but finally I made it and slept for a few hours . . . when Mr. Tullos came up for me I was ready to go. Guess I'll have to record those mutton ham, crinoline lined sleeves right here for they almost proved my complete undoing. Mr. Tullos thought I had better put on my coat as the early morning air was quite cool. He picked it up and held it for me to slip on. I thought of those crinoline Webb from Minden, on the train sleeves but thought it would be and expect she sized me up silly to try to explain, so in my pretty thoroughly. She wanted to arms went—as far as they could go. That crinoline just bunched up and wouldn't go through the see that (1) got to the hotel in arm of my coat. Mr. Tullos crammed frantically at first one sleeve then the other trying desperately off the train she called for the to get that coat on me while I a bit verdant as viewed from the Inn Hotel porter and Mr. Reyn- was as helpless as a maniac in a

strait-jacket. I stood it as long as I could then I declared it was on nicely and thanked him as bes I could for I could see the funny little smile that quirked round his mouth and knew he was as much relieved as I was to have the ordeal over with even though both elbows stuck out at right angles and he knew as well as I did that the coat wasn't half on and that I looked like some big bird getting ready to fly. . . . Caught my train and . . . got . . . to Natchitoches near the noon hour. The depot agent very kindly telephoned the Matron, Mrs. Donaho, that I (was) coming. Had to walk up to the school as there were no cabs available. Mrs. Donaho met me at the steps and was perfectly lovely to me and made me feel at home in no time. She even had some toast and coffee brought in as she knew I did not have time to get breakfast before leaving Shreveport. Was I grateful and did I appreciate her kindness in allowing me to have an opportunity to nap before the noon meal was served. There are 117 girls boarding in the club here and it is like one big family. Mrs. Donaho introduce(d) me to Alma Milling and put me in her charge to meet the others and be entertained till I was assigned to a

"The buildings here are what was once a Catholic Convent. I was first put in the dormitory which was the upper floor of the main building. It is divided in two central rows of cells just large enough to hold a bed and table. Everything else has to be put back in the attic under the rafters. A large stove heats the entire upper floor. We go to a class room for study at night. Am rooming with Miss Anna Hobdy. Played a prank on Anna one night that pretty nearly got me in Dutch. It had never occurred to me to be afraid with so many girls around and presumed that everyone felt as I did, so after leaving the study hall I went directly to our cell. Anna had stopped to warm by the stove. I dropped my books on the table and crawled ander the bed without turning on the light. Presently Anna came in and stopped by the bed. I reached out and grabbed her foot. To say she was frightened puts it mildly and the commotion that was

#### ALUMNI COLUMNS

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"At present I am not in the cell to which I was first assigned. An epidemic of measles broke out and the infirmary was soon fill(ed) to overflowing. Our dormitory was soon a shambles with sick girls, and Mrs. Donaho refused to have them moved as she said there was no other room for either the sick or well girls so I packed my belongings, and was going home. Before I left I went down to see Col. Boyd, and tell him I was leaving. Of course he wanted to know my reasons for leaving, and before I realized it I had given the whole situation away. He advised me to wait another day and he would see what could be done. He must have had Mrs. Donaho on the carpet for she was simply furious with me, and gave me one more going over. We didn't speak for nearly a week but are on good terms now. Guess I came out winner for I got a nice room on second floor and the sick girls got every attention and convenience they needed.

"... It won't be long now before everybody will be going wild about commencement dresses. Guess the subject won't pester me much for my where-with will be run pretty low by that time. "March 18, 1899

"... I had to leave there (Normal) on the 13th of that March as Smallpox broke out and all the schools had to suspend operations. I didn't go back as I did not have sufficient money after spreeing around for a month.'

Among Mrs. Cooksey's papers is a copy of one of her talks entitled "Ten Years of Home Demonstration Work in Webster Parish." She gives an estimate of herself that I could not amend except by adding the record of a few years, and emphasizing that through all she did she kept the bright spirit that colored her every effort.

"I have done no one great thing in my life but have tried to live up to the aim formed thirty-eight years ago, to give the best efforts of my life for the betterment of rural social and economic condiions. For thirty-eight years I have worked through rural schools and ural children and adults to improve educational advantages, (and develop) wholesome living conditions, and a better type of itizenship."

#### WILLIAM C. CONERLY



William Clarence Conerly, one year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Conerly of Bellwood, is enjoying his first opportunity to get out in the snow. Mrs. Conerly is the former Ola Norsworthy, A. B.

# ALUMNI

Here 'n There

We appreciate the letter just received from Mrs. Oscar R. Gordey (Nannie Belle Flowers, B. S. '44) of Route 1, Box 297-A, Baton Rouge, She and Mr. Gordey have two lovely children; William Presley Gordey, age 27 months, and Joan Susan Gordey, born April 12, 1949.

She states that she enjoys the Columns very much, particularly the personal items, and wonders why more people don't send in news about themselves. (Ed. note: We would appreciate it too.)

Mr. Marshall Mahan, A. B. '41. of Monroe, Michigan, spent the Easter holidays with his twin daughters, Laura and Kay, who are students at the College.

Mr. C. O. "Speck" Holland of Minden was just named "Man of the Year" by the Minden Chamber of Commerce. "Speck" has served the Alumni Association as its president on two different occasions. We congratulate him on the well deserved honor he has just received.

Woodrow "Doc" Turner, A. B. '36, of Columbia, writes that while attending the National Federation Rules meeting in Chicago this spring, where he gave a report on Research for Use of Athletic Equipment, he found a copy of Alumni Columns in his papers Mrs. Lucile Oliver, Reporter.

and took advantage of the opportunity to advertise his alma mater.

First Lieutenaut Elvin C. Nichols, whose home town is Boyce, has recently been assigned to the Flight Service Center of Olmsted Air Force Base, Middletown, Penn., after six months of duty as a Berlin Airlift pilot.

Lt. Nichols entered service in 1942 and was commissioned as a pilot in 1943. During the war, he served a year and a half in the Pacific theater of operations.

Mr. C. G. Killen, Jr., A. B. '37, of Bennington, Vermont, was a recent visitor on the campus. He is employed by Sprague Manufacturing Company and is working as director in the testing and research department.

Mr. Willie L. Doxey, A. B. '34, 239 Albert Place, Elberon, New Jersey, visited the campus in April. He is doing research and testing crystalline materials in electronics for the Signal Corps.

#### Cupid's Doings

Miss Barbara Dell Chatwin of Shreveport, and Mr. RALPH WHITENER, B. S. '46, of Marshall. Texas, were married on April 30 in the Sexton Memorial Chapel of the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, Reverend Rowland E. Crowder officiated at the nuptials.

#### Nursing Booklet Prepared

A brochure entitled "Prepare to Become a Professional Nurse' has just been released for distribution to prospective applicants for the Nursing Course that begins at the College this fall. The nursing program is affiliated with Highland Sanitarium, North Louisiana Sanitarium, Shreveport Charity Hospital, and Tri-State Hospital, all of Shreveport.

Students interested in this work should contact the Director of Louisiana.

#### Waldrip Is President of Morehouse Alumni

Lester E. Waldrip of Bastrop Morehouse Alumni Group at a meeting of N. S. C. alumni held in the Bastrop High School on Tuesday night, May 3.

Other officers elected were William C. Haddox, Vice-President; Miss Ida Spier, Secretary; and

#### Calcasieu Alumni Meet May 12

The Calcasien Parish Alumni are meeting at Masor's Cafe, Sulphur, on Thursday night, May 12, according to a letter from Erbon W. Wise, President of the local

The Calcasieu alumni have been holding regular meetings since their organization over a year ago and have been very active in enlarging their group and contacting alumni in their area.

#### Sabine Parish Alumni To Organize

The Sabine Parish Alumni meeting has been called for Tuesday night, May 10, at the Many High School Gymnasium. The alumni will meet to reorganize the local unit immediately following a program to be given by the Health and Physical Education department.

(LATE FLASH)

#### Dr. G. W. McGinty Is Named Acting President of NSC

Dr. Garney W. McGinty, A. B. '24, has just been named acting president of Northwestern State College by the State Board of Education at their meeting in Baton Rouge on Saturday, May

Dr. McGinty, a native of Ringgold, is head of the Department of Social Science at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, a position he has held for many years. He was named by the State Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of President Joseph E. Gibson, effective July 1.

An alumnus of the College. Dr. McGinty will be no stranger to the campus and he will receive a cordial welcome from members of the faculty and staff when he takes over his duties here. We have every confidence that his administration will be a successful one. Nursing, N. S. C., Natchitoches, and that he will carry on the fine work and uphold the best tradi-

## tions of the College. R. L. Ropp Is Named Acting President of Louisiana Tech

At the same meeting of the Board of Education. R. L. Ropp. was elected as President of the member of the faculty of the Language Department and Director of Forensics here at the College for many years, was named acting president of Louisiana Polytechnic

> Professor Ropp will assume his duties at Louisiana Tech on July 1.

#### One Hundred Thirty-Two Seniors to Graduate at Spring Commencement

uation in the spring commence- ter. Colfax; Martha Ann Broument exercises to be held Monday. May 23, according to records Butler, Houma: Frank Dennis in the Office of the Registrar of Cantrell. Jr., Alexandria; Juanita the College.

Thirty-seven students are can-Ray Carter, Shreveport. didates for the Bachelor of Arts degree and 95 are candidates for the Bachelor of Science degree.

Reverend Thomas J. Shields. president of Loyola University of the South. New Orleans, will be the commencement speaker. Dr. A. M. Serex. of the First Methodist Church of Monroe, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon Sunday, May 22.

#### B. A. Degree

J. Kingston Adams, Shreveport; Mrs. C. S. Adkins, Coushatta; Eleanor Mavis Allen. Bastrop; Fred Bandy, DeQueen, Arkansas; Henry A. Berry, Jr., Marthaville; George William Black, Jr., Natchitoches: Peggy Jean Casemore, New Orleans; Merle Joy Davidson, Berwick: Kenneth M. Dowty. Alexandria: June Ducournau. New Orleans: Patricia Ruth Fel-Guilott. New Orleans: Lucille Hanks. Benton: Jeanne Harley, West Monroe: Alice Harreck, De-Ridder; Dois Glynn Harvey. Zwolle; Carolyn Hawkins, Columbia: Albert Eugene Hill, Natchitoches.

Elizabeth Revere Horton, Natchitoches; Adele Jackson, Alexandria: Othel Eugene Lovell, Jr., Homer: John L. McConnell, Alexandria; Kenneth G. Mott. Tullos: M. Rhodes, Vatehitoches: Frances Elouise Sanders, Areadia: Mrs. Ruth Wathen Shepard, Natchitoches: Elizabeth Ann Simons, roe: Mary Stella Ward, Gilbert.

dan. Natchitoches; Jeanetta Ra-Dayson O. Nugent, Pineville. chal, Lena; Doris Tullos, Winns-Gary Pearce. Zwolle: J Altus, Arkansas,

#### B. S. Degree

Breithaupt, Jena: Frances Mary Scherz, Keatchie; Laura Jean Monroe; Clarence Bernard Wag- Westbrook, Provencal.

One hundred and thirty-two Bringhurst, Alexandria; Billy H. students are candidates for grad- Brister, Sieper: Frederick D. Bris-Cardozier, Montgomery; Marvin

> Joseph Dean Chrisp. Forest Hill: Marie Laure Cloutier. Bermuda; Phalamae Cromwell, Shreveport: Joe W. Cunningham. Shreveport: Billie June Daum. Shreveport: Elizabeth Davis, Minden; Julius A. DeBroeck, Shreveport: John Trichel DeLoach. Jr.. Winnfield; Betty Louise Droddy, Leesville; Bea Dunham, Shreveport; Ralph B. Edwards, Homer: Lee Ernest Evans, Jr., El Dorado, Arkansas; David Wilson Feldman, Falls Church, Virginia; Howard F. Finley. Jr., Olla: Quincey T. Ford. Pineville; Paul Gaines, Jr., Tallulah; Hoyt W. Gandy, Florien; Robert Gryder, Monroe: L. W. Harrell. Natchitoches.

Therrell Edwin Hassell, Winnfield; Elizabeth Anne Hawkins, Natchitoches: Frank Falvey Hollosher, New Orleans: Clyde E. way. Pollock: Willie O'Quinn Houston, Shreveport; Mary Patricia Hughes, Natchitoches: John G. Jackson, Winnfield: Joseph E. Jackson, Provencal; Oris Franklin Jackson, Natchitoches; Ella James, Boyce: Geraldine Johnson. Hineston.

Carolyn Jean Jones, Pollock; Dorothy M. Kinnison, Monroe: Milton E. Kizer, Monroe; Roy J. Kunce, Florien; Jeanette LaFleur. Oakdale; James Otto Lancaster. Tom Fore Phillips, Many: Frances Jr., Ferriday; Ensell B. Lanier, Winnsboro: James C. McCalister. Shreveport; James Leslie McConathy, Gibsland; Hollis Glenn Mc-Kinney, Leesville; Leonard E. Athens; Eva Loyce Stubblefield, Megason, Robeline; Trent O. Delhi; Maleolm E. Thomas, Mon- Melder, Glenmora; Mamie Elizabeth Melton, Winnfield; Rosalyn Mary C. Wilson, Ferriday: Jack Lucile Merritt, Mexandria: Leroy B. Wise, Lena; Jerry E. Wise, S. Miller, Jr., Natchitoches; Lee Lena; Sara Louise Woodfin, Moseley, Rodessa; Rachael Cyn-Logansport: James Vernon Jor. thia Mouser, Stamps, Arkansas;

Gary Pearce, Zwolle: James boro; and Eva May Finlay Smith, Paul Peters, Natchitoches; Lloyd A. Ponder, Pleasant Hili; Horace C. Pringle, Jr., Alexandria: John Douglas C. Abington, Many; Claybern Propes, Shreveport; Margaret Ackel, Natchitoches; James Alphonse Prudhomme, Jr., Jacob Austin Anderson, Kisatchie; Bermuda: Carl F. Quaintanee, Samuel Overton Antony, Pine- Little Rock, Arkansas; Billy G. ville; Gwendolyn Marie Batten, Quinn. Sarepta; Sidney II.

#### Financial Statement

From May 10, 1918 Through May 10, 1949

BALANCE SHEET May 10, 1949 ASSETS

Current:		
Cash in Bank on May 10, 1949	\$ 1.825.13	
STOCKS AND BONDS:		
Progressive Mutual Building		
and Loan\$1,300.00		
First Federal Savings and		
Loan Association 3.700.00		
United States Treasury Bonds 6,500.00	11.500.00	
Notes Receivable.	9 910 97	691 F9E 10
	0,210,27	\$21,535.10
Fixed Assets:		
Furniture and Fixtures		
George Williamson Museum	25,000,00	27.150.00
Other Funds:		
Annie Laurie Pujos Scholarship Fund		5,000.00
TOTAL		\$53,685.10
LIABILITIES		
Current:		
Annie Laurie Pujos Scholarship Fund		
Cash for Current Distribution	\$ 121.73	
Endowment Securities	5,000.00	\$ 5,121.73
Surplus		18,563.67
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS		\$53,685.10

# Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

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	Cash in Bank on May 10, 1949 RECEIPTS:	\$ 1,835.78
	Collections on Loans         \$ 1,169.32           Interest and Dividends         395.25	
	Alumni Collections	
	Refund on Surety Bond Premium	3,107.77
	TOTAL	\$ 4.943.55
	Disbursements:	
	Loans\$ 350.00	
	Annie Laurie Pujos Scholarship Fund	
	Scholarship payments \$ 100.00 \\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	
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	Addressograph and Equipment 1.520.15	
	Surety Bond Premium	
	Safety Deposit Box Rental	
	Membership in American Alunmi Council. 25,00	
ĺ	Collection Charges	
	Open House and Coffee at State Fair	
	Game and L. E. A. Meeting	\$ 3.118.12
	Balance in Bank on May 10, 1919	1,825.13

The above statement of the financial condition of the Northwestern State College Alumni Association, together with the statement of receipts and expenditures of money since May 10, 1948, is published in this issue of the Alumni Columns by direction of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association, and reveals a true and correct statement of the affairs of the Association as represented by the records in the office of the alumni secretary and the bank statements.

(Signed) LEROY S. MILLER, Secretary-Treasurer.

Smith, Coushatta: Raymond goner, Tullos: John E. Walker. Franklin Smith, Rodessa; Otto Pollock; William Leon Watts, Natchitoches: Arthur Warren Rhodes, Vivian; Malcolm Peyton Benoy. Derry: Daniel Robert Russell. Natchitoches; Jack S. Bergos. Provencal: Eldridge A. Ryland, Alexandria; Benjamin Bradford. Jena; Myrtle Marie LaDelle Sandifer, Book: Wallace DeRidder: John L. Thompson, St. Maurice; Harrison J. Young. Brannon, Sulphur; Hazel Camille L. Sandifer, Pineville; Fairy Waterproof; Oneita Price Tillman, Jr., Natchitoches; and Douglas C.

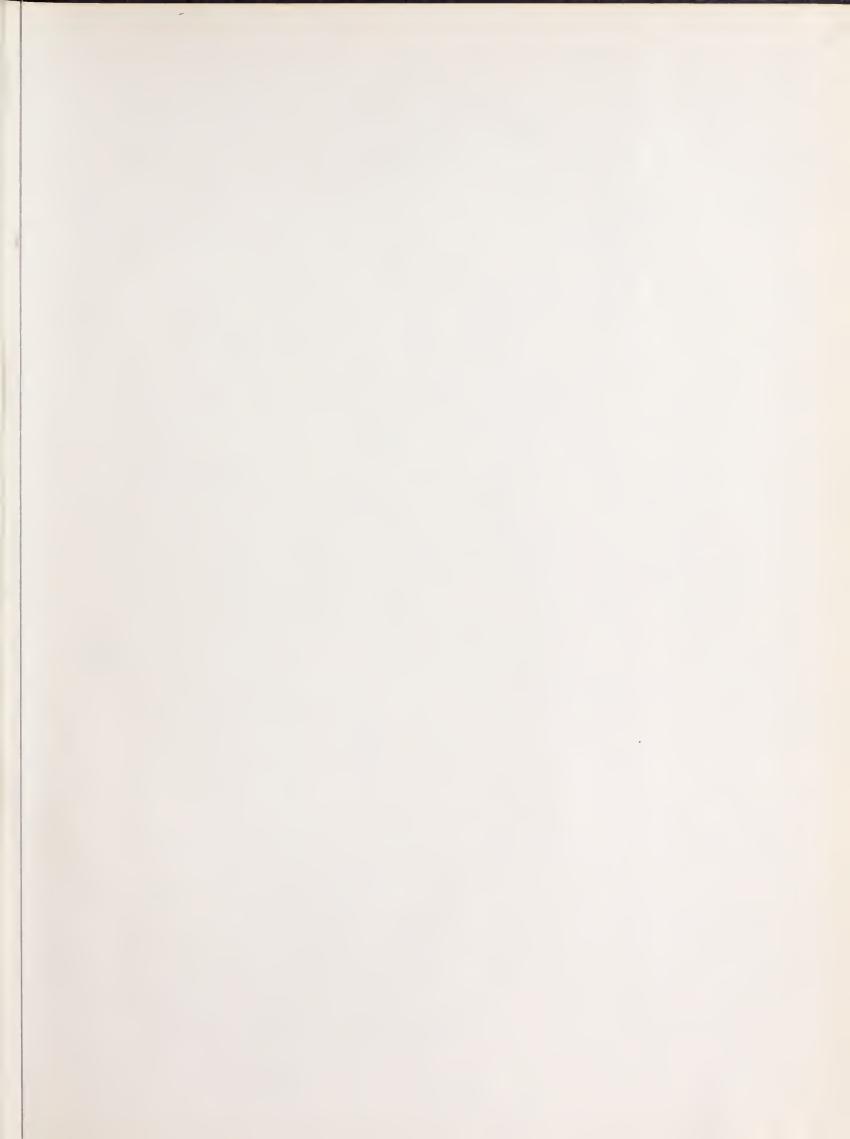
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